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and the scrambled data is obtained by generating a pseudo-random number sequence in accordance with the value of the scramble data and by performing a logical operation on the pseudo-random number sequence and data.

42. A recording medium according to claim 41, wherein the value of the scramble data is randomly determined on a data unit basis, and each data unit has a predetermined size.

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in this reissue application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 1-36 represent the original claims from U.S. Patent No. 5,898,394. Claims 37-42 are newly added herein. Favorable consideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

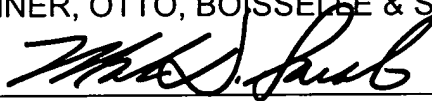
A Statement of Status and Support for All Changes to the Claims Under 37 CFR §1.173(c) is being filed concurrently herewith.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to any outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

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